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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION

1. OUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REVISIONS OF FRENCH DRAFT
(REPORTED REFTELS A AND B) FOLLOW. NUMBERING OF PARAS
FOLLOWS THAT CONTAINED REF B.

2. FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH - NO COMMENT.

3. SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA - CANADIAN OBJECTION CONCERNING
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FRENCH LANGUAGE REFERRING TO "THAT CONTINENT AND BETWEEN

ALL THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE CSCE" IS NOT SOMETHING WE FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT. REFERENCE MERELY HIGHLIGHTS FACT THAT SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE IS MAIN FOCUS OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND NON-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS COULD SET PRECEDENT WHICH WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID. MISSION, THEREFORE, SHOULD SUPPORT CANADIAN OBJECTION UNLESS THIS IMPEDES CONSENSUS.

4. THIRD THROUGH SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARA - NO COMMENT.

5. SEVENTH PREAMBULAR PARA - SEE COMMENTS PARA B, REF C.

6. OPERATIVE PARA 1 - WE AGREE WITH UK REP THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR ENGLISH TEXT GENERALLY TO USE FUTURE TENSE, AS IN PRESENT NATO TEXT, BUT VERB SHOULD BE "WILL" RATHER THAN "SHALL", SINCE LATTER IMPLIES A BINDING OBLIGATION. COMMENTS REFS C AND D ON IMPACT OF PARA ON FOUR-POWER RIGHTS ALSO PERTAINS.

7. OPERATIVE PARA 2 - AS NOTED PARA 1D, REF E WE CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO INCLUSION OF SECOND SENTENCE IN THIS PARA RELATING TO CBM'S.

8. OPERATIVE PARA 3 - SEE COMMENTS REFS C AND D.

9. OPERATIVE PARA 4 - SEE COMMENT PARA D, REF C.

10. OPERATIVE PARA 5 - COMMENT PARA E, REF C STILL PERTAINS. TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE IN OPERATIVE PARA 5 IS ACCEPTABLE IN SUBSTANCE. HOWEVER, SINCE IT MARRIES THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF NON-INTERVENTION TO A SUBSIDIARY CONCEPT CONCERNING SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES, AND THEREBY EMPHASIZES THESE ACTIVITIES IN A WAY THAT IS PERHAPS NOT SUITABLE TO THIS CONFERENCE, WE WOULD PREFER HEARING VIEWS OF ALLIES BEFORE TAKING A FINAL POSITION.

11. OPERATIVE PARAS SIX AND SEVEN - NO COMMENT.

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12. OPERATIVE PARA EIGHT - COMMENTS PARA F, REF C PERTAINS. IN THIS REGARD, WE CONCUR IN POSITION TAKEN BY CANADIAN REP (PARA O, REF A) THAT FRENCH SECOND SENTENCE WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM SOVIET - CZECH TREATY. TURKISH SUGGESTION FOR SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA IS IMPROVEMENT OVER FRENCH LANGUAGE BUT STILL CONTAINS LANGUAGE WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED AS WESTERN AFFIRMATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE. COMPROMISE MIGHT BE TO COMBINE FIRST TWO

SENTENCES OF FRENCH TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PARTICIPATING STATES RECOGNIZE THAT OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, ASSUMED BY THEM TOWARD ONE ANOTHER, ARE BINDING UPON THEM AND SHOULD BE EXECUTED IN GOOD FAITH IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW."

13. OPERATIVE PARA NINE - SEE COMMENTS ON SELF-DETERMINATION IN REF E.

14. OPERATIVE PARA 10 - DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE PART OR ALL OF UK TEXT (US NATO 3707) ON HUMAN RIGHTS ADDED TO PARA 10 OF FRENCH DRAFT.

15. OPERATIVE PARA 11-14 - NO COMMENT.

16. MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY GUIDANCE ON FRENCH DRAFT CONTAINED REFS C AND D.

17. RE TACTICS FOR NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES DECLARATION AT GENEVA, WE BELIEVE AGREED WESTERN DRAFT PREFERABLY SHOULD BE TABLED AT OUTSET OF STAGE 2. THIS WOULD ENABLE ALLIES TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AND AVOID HAVING TO WORK FROM BASIS OF SOVIET TEXT. YOU SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT OF OTHER ALLIES FOR THIS POSITION. ROGERS

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